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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : **Mail Stop Amendment**
 Mamoru ASAKAWA et al. : Patent Art Unit: 3679
 Serial No.: 10/564,153 : Examiner: David Bochna
 Filed: June 21, 2006 : **Confirmation No. 6104**
 For: PIPE JOINT :

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application:

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CLAIMS			SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL 14	- 20	= 0	x 25 = \$		x 50 = \$	
INDEP 2	- 3	= 0	x 105 = \$		x 210 = \$	
[] 1ST PRESENTATION OF MULT. DEP. CLAIM			+ 185 = \$		+ 370 = \$	
			TOTAL \$		TOTAL \$	

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the July 14, 2008 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the *Listing of Claims*, which begins on page two (2) of this paper. Claims 1, 4-13, and 16-18 are pending, with claims 1 and 8 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page seven (7) of this paper.